

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2021**

Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may do so by calling 1-978-990-5000 followed by meeting number Access Code: 333891 at 7:35 PM.

Individuals calling into this number will be able to fully participate in the meeting, including providing public comment. *A non-public dial in number will be used if executive session is required.*

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Township of Alexandria does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Mayor and Committee will be held telephonically only. Notice of this meeting was published in the Democrat on January 7th. Notice was posted on the Municipal Office Front Doors and the Township website.

Meeting Called to order at 7:49 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Plumer, Committeeman Pfefferle, Committeeman Kiernan, Twp. Atty. Dragan

ABSENT: None

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Plumer led the flag salute.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2021-5-An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County and State of New Jersey to Include Provisions Prohibiting All Classes of Cannabis Business within the Township-**1st Reading**

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve Ordinance 2021-005 on 1st reading. **The Public Hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 7:35 PM.**

Roll Call: Aye: Kiernan, Pfefferle, Plumer
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Ordinance 2021- 005

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA
HUNTERDON COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS
PROHIBITING ALL CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least twenty-one years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law *P.L. 2021, c. 16*, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults twenty-one years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including:

Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;

Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;

Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;

Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from one licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;

Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license, for locations at which cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers; and

Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, for businesses providing courier services for consumer purchases that are fulfilled by a licensed cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the purchased items to a consumer, and which service would include the ability of a consumer to make a purchase directly through the cannabis delivery service which would be presented by the delivery service for fulfillment by a retailer and then delivered to a consumer.

WHEREAS, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to adopt regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as well as the location manner and times operation of such establishments, distributors or delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (*i.e.*, by August 22, 2021); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 31b of the Act, the failure to do so shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial

zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the initial and any subsequent five-year period following a failure to enact local regulations or prohibitions, the municipality shall again have 180 days to adopt an ordinance regulating or prohibiting cannabis businesses, but any such ordinance would be prospective only and would not apply to any cannabis business already operating within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Alexandria Township has determined that, due to present uncertainties regarding the potential future impacts that allowing one or more classes of cannabis business might have on New Jersey municipalities in general, and on Alexandria Township in particular, it is at this time necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Township's residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in the Township, to amend the Code of the Township of Alexandria, to include a new Chapter entitled "Cannabis Businesses" prohibiting all manner of marijuana-related businesses within the Township; and

WHEREAS, officials from two prominent non-profit organizations that have been established for the purpose of advising New Jersey municipalities on legal matters such as have been presented by the Act (those organizations being the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys) have strongly urged that, due to the complexity and novelty of the Act; the many areas of municipal law that are or may be implicated in decisions as to whether or to what

extent cannabis or medical cannabis should be permitted for land use purposes or otherwise regulated in any particular municipality; and the relatively short duration in which the Act would allow such decisions to be made before imposing an automatic authorization of such uses in specified zoning districts subject to unspecified conditions, the most prudent course of action for all municipalities, whether or not generally in favor of cannabis or medical cannabis land development and uses, would be to prohibit all such uses within the Act's 180-day period in order to ensure sufficient time to carefully review all aspects of the Act and its impacts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Preamble incorporated. The preamble to this ordinance is hereby incorporated as if fully restated herein.

SECTION 2. New Chapter. The Code of the Township of Alexandria is hereby amended to provide a new chapter entitled "**Cannabis businesses**" to provide as follows:

a. Prohibition of Cannabis Businesses. Pursuant to section 31b of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (*P.L. 2021, c. 16*)(the "Act") and under the general police powers of the Township provided under N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 in order to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the public, all cannabis establishments, cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in section 3 of the Act and within this Chapter are hereby prohibited from operating anywhere in the Township of Alexandria , except

for the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies within the Township by a delivery service located outside of the Township.

b. Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

CANNABIS CULTIVATOR

Any person or entity holding a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license issued by the State of New Jersey that grows, cultivates, or produces cannabis in the State of New Jersey, and sells, and may transport, this cannabis to other cannabis cultivators, or usable cannabis to cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

CANNABIS DELIVERY

The transportation of cannabis items and related supplies to a consumer. "Cannabis delivery" also includes the use by a licensed cannabis retailer of any third party technology platform to receive, process, and fulfill orders by consumers, which third party shall not be required to be a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, provided that any physical acts in connection with fulfilling the order and delivery shall be accomplished by a certified cannabis handler performing work for or on behalf of the licensed cannabis retailer, which includes a certified cannabis handler employed or otherwise working on behalf of a cannabis delivery service making off-premises deliveries of consumer purchases fulfilled by that cannabis retailer.

CANNABIS DELIVERY SERVICE

Any person or entity holding a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license issued by the State of New Jersey that provides courier services for consumer purchases of cannabis items and related supplies fulfilled by a cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the cannabis items and related supplies to that consumer, and which services include the ability of a consumer to purchase the cannabis items directly through the cannabis delivery service, which after presenting the purchase order to the cannabis retailer for fulfillment, is delivered to that consumer.

CANNABIS DISTRIBUTOR

Any person or entity holding a Class 4 Cannabis Distributor license issued by the State of New Jersey that transports cannabis in bulk intrastate from one licensed cannabis cultivator to another licensed cannabis cultivator, or transports 40 cannabis items in bulk intrastate from any one class of licensed cannabis establishment to another class of licensed cannabis establishment, and may engage in the temporary storage of cannabis or cannabis items as necessary to carry out transportation activities.

CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT

A cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer.

CANNABIS MANUFACTURER

Any person or entity holding a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license issued by the State of New Jersey, that processes cannabis items in this State by purchasing or otherwise obtaining usable cannabis, manufacturing, preparing, and packaging cannabis items, and selling, and optionally transporting, these items to other cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

CANNABIS RETAILER

Any person or entity holding a Class 5 Cannabis license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains usable cannabis from cannabis cultivators and cannabis items from cannabis manufacturers or cannabis wholesalers, and sells these to consumers from a retail store, and may use a cannabis delivery service or a certified cannabis handler for the off-premises delivery of cannabis items and related supplies to consumers. A cannabis retailer shall also accept consumer purchases to be fulfilled from its retail store that are presented by a cannabis delivery service which will be delivered by the cannabis delivery service to that consumer.

CANNABIS WHOLESALER

Any person or entity holding a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains, stores, sells or otherwise transfers, and may transport, cannabis items for the purpose of resale or other transfer to either another cannabis wholesaler or to a cannabis retailer, but not to consumers.

c. Enforcement/Violations.

This ordinance may be enforced by the police, or a Township official who may be authorized by the Township. Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days. Each day a violation exists shall be considered a separate violation.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

SECTION 5. Renumbering. The sections, subsections and provisions of this ordinance may be renumbered as necessary or practical for codification purposes.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and final publication according to law.

- Ordinance 2021-6-An Ordinance of the Township of Alexandria, In the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Amending Alexandria Township's Land Use Regulations to Prohibit All Classes of Cannabis Businesses Within the Township and Clarifying Prohibited Uses -**1st Reading**

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve Ordinance 2021-006 on 1st reading. **The Public Hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 7:35 PM.**

Roll Call: Aye: Kiernan, Pfefferle, Plumer

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP'S LAND USE
REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT ALL CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE
TOWNSHIP AND CLARIFYING PROHIBITED USES**

Ordinance 2021-006

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called cannabis” for adults at least twenty-one years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law *P.L. 2021, c. 16*, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults twenty-one years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, among other things, section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes (as defined by the Act) of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (*i.e.*, by August 21, 2021); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 31b of the Act, the failure to do so shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the initial and any subsequent five-year period following a failure to enact local regulations or prohibitions, the municipality shall again have 180 days to adopt an ordinance regulating or prohibiting cannabis businesses, but any such ordinance would be prospective only and would not apply to any cannabis business already operating within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria has determined that, due to present uncertainties regarding the potential future impacts that allowing one or more classes of cannabis business might have on New Jersey municipalities in general, and on Alexandria Township in particular, it is at this time necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Township’s residents and members of the public

who visit, travel, or conduct business in the Township, that in addition to prohibiting cannabis businesses under the general police powers afforded to the Township under N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, et seq., the Township ought to also amend its zoning regulations to prohibit all manner of marijuana-related land use and development within the Township, since section 31B of the Act also addresses cannabis regulation from a land use perspective; and

WHEREAS, officials from two prominent non-profit organizations that have been established for the purpose of advising New Jersey municipalities on legal matters such as have been presented by the Act (those organizations being the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys) have strongly urged that, due to the complexity and novelty of the Act; the many areas of municipal law that are or may be implicated in decisions as to whether or to what extent cannabis or medical cannabis should be permitted for land use purposes or otherwise regulated in any particular municipality; and the relatively short duration in which the Act would allow such decisions to be made before imposing an automatic authorization of such uses in specified zoning districts subject to unspecified conditions, the most prudent course of action for all municipalities, whether or not generally in favor of cannabis or medical cannabis land development and uses, would be to prohibit all such uses within the Act's 180-day period in order to ensure sufficient time to carefully review all aspects of the Act and its impacts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria , County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Preamble incorporated. The preamble to this ordinance is hereby incorporated as if fully restated herein.

SECTION 2. Section 115-3 entitled "Word Usage" in Chapter 115, Article II "Definition of Terms" is hereby amended to add the following new definitions:

CANNABIS CULTIVATOR

Any person or entity holding a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license issued by the State of New Jersey that grows, cultivates, or produces cannabis in the State of New Jersey, and sells, and may transport, this cannabis to other cannabis cultivators, or usable cannabis to cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

CANNABIS DELIVERY

The transportation of cannabis items and related supplies to a consumer. "Cannabis delivery" also includes the use by a licensed cannabis retailer of any third party technology platform to receive, process, and fulfill orders by consumers, which third party shall not be required to be a licensed cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service, provided that any physical acts in connection with fulfilling the order and delivery shall be accomplished by a certified cannabis handler performing work for or on behalf of the licensed cannabis retailer, which includes a certified cannabis handler employed or otherwise working on behalf of a cannabis delivery service making off-premises deliveries of consumer purchases fulfilled by that cannabis retailer.

CANNABIS DELIVERY SERVICE

Any person or entity holding a Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license issued by the State of New Jersey that provides courier services for consumer purchases of cannabis items and related supplies fulfilled by a cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the cannabis items and related supplies to that consumer, and which services include the ability of a consumer to purchase the cannabis items directly through the cannabis delivery service, which after presenting the purchase order to the cannabis retailer for fulfillment, is delivered to that consumer.

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Any person or entity holding a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license issued by the State of New Jersey, that processes cannabis items in this State by purchasing or otherwise obtaining usable cannabis, manufacturing, preparing, and packaging cannabis items, and selling, and optionally transporting, these items to other cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, or cannabis retailers, but not to consumers.

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Any person or entity holding a Class 5 Cannabis license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains usable cannabis from cannabis cultivators and cannabis items from cannabis manufacturers or cannabis wholesalers, and sells these to consumers from a retail store, and may use a cannabis delivery service or a certified cannabis handler for the off-premises delivery of cannabis items and related supplies to consumers. A cannabis retailer shall also accept consumer purchases to be fulfilled from its retail store that are presented by a cannabis delivery service which will be delivered by the cannabis delivery service to that consumer.

CANNABIS WHOLESALER

Any person or entity holding a Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license issued by the State of New Jersey that purchases or otherwise obtains, stores, sells or otherwise transfers, and may

transport, cannabis items for the purpose of resale or other transfer to either another cannabis wholesaler or to a cannabis retailer, but not to consumers.

SECTION 3. Section 115-19 entitled "Applicability of regulations" in Ch. 115, Article V "Use Regulations" of the Land Use Code of the Township is hereby amended to add the following (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

§ 115-19 Applicability of regulations/prohibited uses.

A. Except as provided by law or this chapter, in each district, no building, structure or land shall be used or occupied except for the purposes permitted in the zoning districts as indicated in Articles III and IV herein.

B. Where a use is not specifically permitted in a zone district, it is prohibited.

C. In addition, the following uses are expressly prohibited in all zone districts:

(1) The operation of any and all classes of cannabis establishments or cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in this chapter and in section 3 of P.L. 2021, c. 16, but not the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies within the Township by a cannabis delivery service located outside the Township.

SECTION 4. Referral to the Planning Board. Following introduction and prior to adoption, the Clerk shall cause a copy of this ordinance to be referred to the Alexandria Township Planning Board for review pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26*.

SECTION 5. Repealer All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days from the date of its adoption and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board, as required pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181* and *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16*.

- **Renewal of Hunterdon County Cooperative Energy Program**
Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to continue the Township's participation in the Hunterdon County Cooperative Energy Program for municipalities in Hunterdon County. Based on the letter received from the County the Township will save up to 10%.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Motion Carried

- Whitehall Grant Application for 2022
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to authorize Township Engineer Decker to apply for a road grant to the NJ DOT recommending the 1st of two Phases of White Hall Road. The grant is due July 1st and there would be a savings of 15-20% on annual maintenance.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Motion Carried

- Resolution 2021-084 Amending Professional Contract Service Award to Township Engineer Thomas Decker, PE for the 2020 year
Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve Resolution 2021-084.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION 2021-084 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT SERVICE AWARD TO
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER THOMAS DECKER P.E.**

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020 the Alexandria Township Committee appointed Thomas Decker P.E. of Van Cleef for a one-year appointment from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 as the Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020 the Alexandria Township Committee approved a budgeted amount not to exceed of \$15,000.00 in account number **01-201-21-165-020** for services to be rendered by Township Professional Thomas Decker P.E. (Senior Associate) of the Firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, Somerset County Office, 32 Brower Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2020 the Alexandria Township Committee approved a budgeted amount not to exceed of \$20,000.00 in account number **01-201-21-165-020** for services to be rendered by Township Professional Thomas Decker P.E. (Senior Associate) of the Firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, Somerset County Office, 32 Brower Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

WHEREAS, the Township Committee budgeted a total of \$20,000.00 for engineering services (not out-of-pocket expenses) by the Township Engineer for 2020 and bills submitted by Township Engineer Decker exceeded an additional \$3,573.25 for the year are not including out-of-pocket expenses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria as follows:

1. Resolution 2020-017 and Resolution 2020-0101 are amended to revise the “not to exceed number” and the Alexandria Township Chief Financial Officer shall certify that the amount of, not to exceed \$23,600.00 which is \$3,600.00 more than the already budgeted amount of \$20,000.00 set by the Township Committee is available in the following account numbered 01-201-21-165-125

- Resolution 2021-085 Road Material for Stonewicke Drive for 2020
Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve Resolution 2021-085.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION 2021-085 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR ROAD MATERIAL FOR STONEWICK DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Alexandria approved in the 2020 budget monies for road materials on various roads throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township utilized services of Tilcon for asphalt road material in July of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer certified funds were available for this purpose via email to the DPW Foreman and were encumbered out of account # 01-201-44-900-202.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey authorizes the following:

- 1.) Asphalt Road Material for the following Township Road:
Stonewick Drive
- 2.) Road Material was purchased in the amount of \$145,259.43 from Account # 01-201-44-900-202 to Tilcon.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed with an asterisk on the agenda “*” are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Motion/Roll Call: Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve the resolutions below on the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Kiernan, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

- Resolution 2021-080 Appointment of Interim Municipal Court Administrator 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021-***Amending Resolution 2021-079***

**RESOLUTION 2021-080 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MUNICIPAL COURT
ADMINISTRATOR
4/1/2021 to 03/31/2022-*Amending Resolution 2021-079***

WHEREAS, In January 2021, Jacqueline Signorile was appointed as Deputy Court Administrator in Raritan Township and upon the retirement of the Court Administrator, was selected and approved by Assignment Judge Thomas Miller as the Municipal Court Administrator through open recruitment effective April 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, Ms. Signorile is currently considered an Interim Municipal Court Administrator pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-11(e) since she was hired April 1, 2021 and does not hold a Municipal Court Administrator certificate; and;

WHEREAS, the statute allows the governing body to appoint a person as Municipal Court Administrator that is not a certified Municipal Court Administrator, on an interim basis, for a period not to exceed one (1) year commencing on the date of the appointment April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the statute further states, “Any person so appointed may, in consultation with the judge of the municipal court, be re-appointed as a municipal court administrator, on an interim basis, for two (2) subsequent one-year terms. The municipal court administrator appointed on an interim basis may be reappointed for a fourth, and if necessary, a fifth additional one-year term, provided the Municipal Court Administrator is currently enrolled in the certification program and needs additional

time to complete that program.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appointed Jacqueline Signorile as Interim Municipal Court Administrator for a one-year term commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022 as established in the shared service agreement with Raritan Township.

- Resolution 2021-081 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drugs Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025

ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2021-081 GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020-JUNE 2025

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Hunterdon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Delaware Valley Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ <u>6,379.00</u>
Cash Match	\$ <u>1,594.75</u>
In-Kind	\$ <u>4,784.25</u>

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.
 3. The Township Committee further acknowledges that the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission shall act as Fiscal Agent to all Hunterdon County Municipal Alliance Consortiums to provide a streamlined process for the reimbursement of expenditures.
- Resolution 2021-083 Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for The Little York Tavern

RESOLUTION# 2021-083 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR THE LITTLE YORK TAVERN

BE IT RESOLVED that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1001-33-001-005 be issued to **The Little York**, 569 Spring Mills Road, Little York, New Jersey for a fee of \$2,000.00 and to become effective 12:00 a.m. July 1, 2021, and to expire midnight, June 30, 2022.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. No sales on weekdays between the hours 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
2. No sales on Sunday between the hours 2:00 a.m. and noon.
3. Open Christmas Eve until 5:00 a.m. December 25th
4. Open New Year's Eve until 5:00 a.m. January 1, 2021

License is subject to the proper execution of renewal application forms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Michele Bobrowski, Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue, sign, seal and deliver said license.

- Resolution 2021-086 Road Material for Globe Mills, Mill Pond Road, and Benjamin Court

**RESOLUTION 2021-086 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR ROAD MATERIAL FOR GLOBE MILLS ROAD, MILL POND
ROAD, AND BENJAMIN COURT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Alexandria approved in the 2021 budget monies for road materials on various roads throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township DPW will utilize services of South State, Inc of the Morris County Co-op for asphalt road material; and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer certifies funds are available for this purpose and are encumbered in account # 01-201-44-900-202

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey authorizes the following:

- 1.) Asphalt Road Material for the following Township Road:
 - Globe Mills Road \$45,000.00
 - Benjamin Court \$43,000.00
 - Mill Pond Road \$51,000.00
- 2.) Road Material to be purchased in the amount of \$140,000.00 from Account # 01-201-44-900-202 to South State, Inc.
 - Resolution 2021-087 Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License for NRU Liquor, Inc. t/a The Wine Hut

**RESOLUTION 2021-087 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE
FOR NRU LIQUOR, INC, t/a THE WINE HUT**

BE IT RESOLVED that Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 1001-44-003-005 be issued to NRU Liquor, Inc. 741 Frenchtown Road, Milford, New Jersey for a fee of \$2,000.00 and to become effective 12:00 A.M., July 1, 2021 and to expire midnight, June 30, 2022. License is subject to the proper execution of renewal application forms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Michele Bobrowski, Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue, sign, seal, and deliver said license.

- Resolution 2021-088 Renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption License for the Grill at the Pittstown Inn

**RESOLUTION # 2021-088 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR RENEWAL OF THE PLENARY RETAIL
CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR THE GRILL AT THE PITTSTOWN INN.**

BE IT RESOLVED that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1001-33-002-0010 be issued to GSW Hospitality, LLC t/a The Grill at the Pittstown Inn, 350 Pittstown Road, Pittstown, New Jersey for a fee of \$2,000.00 and to become effective 12:00 a.m. July 1, 2021 and to expire midnight, June 30, 2022.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. No sales on weekdays between the hours 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
2. No sales on Sunday between the hours 2:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
3. Open Christmas Eve until 5:00 a.m. December 25th
4. Open New Year's Eve until 5:00 a.m. January 1, 2021

License is subject to the proper execution of renewal application forms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Michele Bobrowski, Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue, sign, seal and deliver said license.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve the June 9, 2021 bill list.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- May 12, 2021 Executive Session
- May 12, 2021 Township Meeting
- May 26, 2021 Workshop Meeting

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve the above meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Aye: Kiernan, Pfefferle, Plumer

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

BILL LIST:

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve the May 12, 2021 bill list.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL MATTERS:

Alexandria Equestrian Association (AEA) Member Judy Tucker thanked the Township Committee for having the barn roof replaced and for saving a landmark of the Township. Mayor Plumer thanked the AEA for their generous donation.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comm. Kiernan noted that with the pending road closure of Route 619 and the truck accident in Milford where an 18-wheeler truck crashed into a home coming down the Milford-Warren Glen Road hill killing the driver that the Township needs to keep an eye out for the truck traffic due to the detour and that appropriate signage will need to be erected. The Township Committee discussed speaking with the County and Township Engineer on this matter.

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to go into Executive Session. **(8:13 PM)**

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

_____ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.

_____ A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.

_____ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.

_____ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.

_____ Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.

_____ Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.

X_____ Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.

Beneduce Vineyards

_____ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

X_____ Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.

Deputy Clerk/Technical Assistant Position

Tax Collector Position

_____ Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to return to Public Session

(8:53 PM).

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Kiernan, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Mayor Plumer noted that the Township Committee will not be holding Workshop Meetings for the months of June, July, and August. The Township Committee will revisit not having workshop meetings for the remainder of the year in September.

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Beneduce Vineyards

Received correspondence from Nicole Voight, Attorney for Beneduce. Township Attorney Dragan will respond to her.

- Full-time Deputy Clerk/Building Secretary Position

The Township will move forward with advertising for a full-time Technical Assistant.

- Tax Collector Position

The Township will allow for the Tax Collector to work evening hours at this time and the residents have access to tax information online along with payment capabilities online and the drop box out front.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to adjourn at 8:53PM.

Roll Call: Aye: Plumer, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michele Bobrowski, CMC/RMC

Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of Jun 9, 2021 and certify that said Minutes were approved by the Township Committee on the 14th day of July 2021.

Gabe Plumer, Mayor